

Dr. Alexander's retirement as Chancellor of USC-Aiken closes a successful chapter in the school's history. He developed the university and its students in every way by surpassing his required duties in all areas. His years of service leave an indelible mark on the institution. Dr. Alexander's accomplishments will benefit countless others in the future, and his legacy will be solidified by the successes of future generations. A leader in the higher education field and a dedicated community citizen, Dr. Alexander will be sorely missed as Chancellor of USC-Aiken.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR MICHAEL L. MURPHY

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Major Michael L. Murphy of the United States Marine Corps for his distinguished service and courageous leadership on behalf of the citizens of this great nation.

Major Murphy gave his life in the line of duty on the evening of December 11, 2000. By risking his life to ensure the safety of others, he made the ultimate sacrifice that any citizen of this nation can make. He left behind not only a loving family, but also a community and a country who will forever be grateful for his heroism.

As an aviator in the Marine Corps, Major Murphy had dedicated his career to defending the values this nation holds dear. With over 16 years of experience in the military, he had received the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a gold star for his integrity and courage.

Major Murphy's valiant actions and his outstanding service to this nation serve to remind us of the gratitude we all feel toward this brave individual, along with all other servicemen and women who have lost their lives serving as guardians of this great country.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "For those to whom much is given, much is required. And when at some future date when history judges us, recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the state, our success or failure, in whatever office we hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions: First, were we truly men of courage . . . Second, were we truly men of judgment . . . Third, were we truly men of integrity . . . Finally, were we truly men of dedication?"

Major Michael L. Murphy would truthfully have been able to answer each of these questions in the affirmative. He was indeed a man of courage, judgment, integrity, and dedication. May the memory of this brave individual live on in our hearts, and may God's strength and peace always be with his family and friends.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR EDWARD J. MARTY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and pay tribute to a great American, Major Edward J. Marty of Tyler, TX, to whom I had the privilege recently to present the Purple Heart Medal which he earned more than twenty years ago.

Major Edward Marty proudly and courageously served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, 8 months and 16 days. On January 1, 1969, 1st Lieutenant Edward Marty was wounded by a land mine while leading his platoon of the 1st Calvary Division through the marshlands and rice paddies of Vietnam. Due to fractures in his legs and arms and a traumatic eye injury, Lt. Marty was transferred to multiple hospitals and was never presented the Purple Heart Medal, as is traditional. After many months in hospitals, and exactly two years after he was wounded, Lt. Marty was sent back to Vietnam as an advisor to Vietnamese Rangers, but through some unfortunate oversight, he still never received the much-deserved Purple Heart while on active duty in the Army, or any time shortly following his retirement.

It was not until this year that Major Marty finally received his award, and I was honored to make the presentation on November 10, during a Veterans' Day program at John Tyler High School in Tyler, TX, where Major Marty serves as Smith County Assistant District Attorney. It was a moving moment for Major Marty—and myself—and I believe the ceremony had a special impact on students at John Tyler who know about the Vietnam conflict only through textbooks or personal testimony. Certainly, most of the students had never met a distinguished Purple Heart recipient.

As we all know, the Purple Heart is an honor launched by George Washington to recognize those who gave above and beyond the call of duty and who wear the scar of battle. Major Edward Marty is among this elite group of Purple Heart recipients who risked their lives and suffered injuries for the cause of freedom. So it is with great admiration that I recognize Major Marty today, and as we prepare to adjourn the 106th session of Congress, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this true American hero—Major Edward Marty.

THE RESPONSIBLE MONITORING ACT OF 2000

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Responsible Monitoring Act of 2000." This bill is intended to make the Internet a better, safer place by encouraging voluntary efforts to detect and stop illegal activities. This legislation would provide real incentives for responsible monitoring by "E-commerce" businesses that host consumer-to-con-

sumer transactions on their web sites. Allowing e-companies to monitor their sites and remove illegal goods and services offered for sale by others, is the right approach for a better Internet. Unfortunately, current law actually discourages E-commerce companies from even looking for illegal activity on their sites. Under current law ignorance is bliss, and those companies most active in protecting their users are most at risk. This situation must be changed.

I realize that this bill will not be acted upon in the 106th Congress prior to adjournment, but I believe it is crucial to put the issue before the House now to get members thinking about a solution. As long as e-companies remain under the threat of litigation they will be reluctant to self monitor. I will reintroduce similar legislation in the 107th Congress and request hearings. I am aware, however, that content providers, privacy advocates, and others have concerns about this issue. I would like to invite all concerned parties to work with us in the next Congress to find a workable solution that addresses all concerns and encourages voluntary, responsible monitoring on the Internet.

A TRIBUTE TO TONY RUDY, A GOOD FRIEND AND A TRUE BELIEVER

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and colleague who, after eight years of service to the House of Representatives, is moving on. Every member of this House knows how important it is to have good staff. These are the people who run this institution from day to day. They are the people who do the grunt work, draft the bills, work long nights—all in service of the American people. And we, as Members of Congress, place our trust and careers in their capable hands every day.

I am very lucky. I have always been blessed with great staff. But every once in a while a truly special person comes along and inspires and energizes an office. I was lucky enough to have one of the best, one of the most committed, one of the brightest staffers on Capitol Hill working for me for the past five and half years. His name is Tony Rudy.

Tony came to work for me in 1995, just as I was beginning my time as Majority Whip in the House of Representatives. Being the Whip is hard work, and a lot of that work falls on my staff. These staffers devote a large part of their lives to making sure we get our work done, pass legislation and make the House of Representatives a livable place for Members of Congress.

And Tony is one of the best. He has held virtually every position in my office as he worked his way up the ladder. He started out as a Press Secretary and moved on to Policy Director and finally Deputy Chief of Staff. And he was superb in each of these positions.

As my Press secretary, Tony's hallmark was his ability to form real friendships with the Washington press corps. The people covering politics and Capitol Hill know that they can call Tony anytime and they can always trust what